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COMMON SERVICE CENTRES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to open Common Service Centres in the rural areas across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the services which will be provided by these centres;

(d) the number of jobs likely to be created as a result thereof;

(e) whether it is contemplated to involve private sector in the scheme; and

(f) if so, the manner in which the private sector is expected to contribute?

Answer

MINISTER O F THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS A ND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR.SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): Government of India approved the Common Services Centres (CSC)Scheme o n September 26,2006 fo r facilitating the establishment of 100,000 + Broadband internet enabled CSCs across rural India.

(b): The Scheme envisages establishment of a one (1) CSC per six (6) Census Villages covering all the States and UTs of the country.

(c): CSC will provide a mix of Citizen Centric G2C (Government of Citizen) Services and Private domain services.

(d): The scheme is likely to generate more than 300,000 employment opportunities.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): The CSC Scheme would be implemented in a Public Private Partnership (PPP) framework. At the first (CSC) level would be the local Village Level Entrepreneur (VLE- loosely analogous to a franchisee). At the second level would be an entity termed the Service Centre Agency (SCA-loosely analogous to a franchiser) who would be selected through a competitive process. The SCA would invest in setting up the CSC infrastructure & operating & managing the VLE network and business. The Govt. would provide the support as determined through a bid, for the SCA to continue managing the CSC`s on an ongoing basis for a maximum period of 4 years.